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SUBJECT: USLO SPACE NEEDS

REF: A. PEKING 2483, B. PEKING 83

1. WE APPRECIATE YOUR THOROUGH REVIEW IN REF A AND WERE DRAFTING REPLY WHEN REF B ARRIVED.
2. CONCUR THAT ANY DEMARCHE TO LIN PING, AS SUGGESTED REF A, SHOULD BE DEFERRED UNTIL LATER. HOWEVER, SCARRITT PLANS TO ARRIVE PEKING ABOUT FEBRUARY 8 FOR FOUR-FIVE DAYS AND IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE CHINESE RESPONSE ON FEASIBILITY OF ADDITION TO PRESENT BUILDING BEFORE THEN. USLO MIGHT MENTION SCARRITT VISIT (FOR WHICH VISA REQUESTED BUT NOT YET ISSUED) AT LOWER LEVEL IN MOFA, E.G. TING YUAN-HUNG, AND REQUEST MOFA ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING DSB RESPONSE. WE LEAVE TIMING OF THIS APPROACH TO YOUR DISCRETION.

3. IF CHINESE IN NEAR FUTURE INFORM USLO THAT ADDITION TO
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USLO BUILDING IS NOT POSSIBLE, USLO SHOULD EXPRESS

DISAPPOINTMENT AND SAY YOU WILL REPORT TO DEPARTMENT,

ADDING THAT USG PLACES CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE ON SOLVING THE SPACE PROBLEM. ON OTHER HAND, IF CHINESE INFORM USLO THAT BUILDING ADDITION IS POSSIBLE, YOU SHOULD EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR THEIR COOPERATION AND SAY THAT YOU WILL REFER MATTER TO WASHINGTON AND BE BACK IN TOUCH WHEN YOU RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS.

4. IF THE CHINESE SHOULD ASK WHAT INCREASE IN USLO STAFFING WE ANTICIPATE, YOU SHOULD AVOID PRECISE ANSWER, SAYING THAT BUILDING IS ALREADY CROWDED AND THAT ADDITIONAL SPACE NEEDED FOR GRADUAL EXPANSION OF STAFF.
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